

Marked-Up Version of the Claims

Claim 3 (once amended). A polarizing filter according to Claim 1 [or 2], wherein one to four layers of dielectric thin films selected from said first group and one to four layers of dielectric thin films selected from said second group are laminated alternately on said transparent flat substrate.

Claim 4 (once amended). A polarizing filter according to Claim 1 [or 2], wherein a refractive index difference with respect to the wavelength of incident light between adjacent dielectric thin films selected from the dielectric materials belonging to said first and said second groups respectively is in a range of from 0.15 to 1.2, both inclusively.

Claim 5 (once amended). A polarizing filter according to Claim 1 [or 2], wherein optical film thickness of each of said dielectric thin films is in a range of $0.25\lambda \pm 0.15\lambda$ in which λ is a wavelength of incident light.

Claim 6 (once amended). An optical device using a polarizing filter defined in Claim 1 [or 2], wherein an angle of incidence on said polarizing filter is in a range of from 20 to 70 degrees.

Claim 9 (once amended). A polarizing filter according to claim 7 [or 8], wherein a total number of at least three layers is not larger than seven.

Claim 10 (once amended). A polarizing filter according to claim 7 [or 8], wherein the first refractive index is 1.62 to 1.46.